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SUBJECT: COM'S FULLY-ARMORED CAR, ANKARA

REF: STATE 218573

1. CM2 MIKE HARRIS ON REQUEST OF RSO ANKARA (TELCON 9/30/75) TRAVELED TO ANKARA ON OCT 2 1975 TO INSPECT COM'S FULLY ARMORED CAR.

2. HARRIS FINDINGS WERE THAT THE COMS VEHICLE HAS A BENT FRAME DUE TO A RECENT TRAFFIC ACCIDENT. THIS ACCIDENT CAUSED THE CHASSIS TO SHIFT APPROX ONE INCH OUT OF ALIGNMENT. THE ACCIDENT CAUSED FURTHER DAMAGE TO THE SEDANS REAR END; HOWEVER, IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WHAT IS THE DIRECT RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT AND WHAT IS SIMPLY CAUSED BY EXTENDED OPERATION OVER EXTREMELY ADVERSE ROAD CONDITIONS. IN ANY EVENT, THE ENTIRE FRONT SUSPENSION SYSTEM AND REAR AXLE ASSEMBLY IS IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE OVERHAUL. THE ENGINE REQUIRES A MAJOR TUNE UP, AND THE AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION NEEDS BOTH FRONT AND REAR SEALS REPLACED. THE TRANSPARENT ARMOR ON ALL FOUR DOORS HAS DELAMINATED TO A POINT THAT THEY TOO SHOULD BE REPLACED. MANY OTHER MINOR ITEMS REQUIRE ATTENTION. HOWEVER, THE BODY AND INTERIOR ARE IN GOOD CONDITION.

3. THE RSO IN ANKARA WAS INFORMED BY HARRIS THAT THE
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VEHICLE SHOULD NOT BE DRIVEN IN LIGHT OF THE DAMAGE

AND THE EXTENSIVE REPAIR WORK NECESSARY TO PLACE THIS VEHICLE BACK INTO A SAFE OPERATING CONDITION.

4. THE ANKARA EMBASSY HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOEING CO. TO MAKE THE NECESSARY REPAIRS. HARRIS INSPECTED THEIR FACILITIES AND FEELS THAT THEY ARE CAPABLE OF ACCOMPLISHING THE WORK. THIS INCLUDES THE STRAIGHTENING OF THE FRAME.

5. THE RSO ANKARA HAS REQUESTED PARTS SUPPORT FROM TSO, ATHENS. WE HAVE A GREAT MANY PARTS THEY REQUIRE, BUT DO NOT HAVE REAR AXLE ASSEMBLY PARTS ON HAND. IF WE SUPPLY ANKARA WITH THE PARTS THEY REQUIRE WE WILL HAVE EXPENDED THE MAJORITY OF OUR CHEVROLET PARTS ON ONE CAR. WHILE WE ARE STOCKING PARTS TO BE USED AND NOT STOCKED, WE FEEL THERE MAY BE OTHER ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE THAT YOU MAY BE CONSIDERING, JUDGING FROM YOUR MESSAGE TRAFFIC (REFTEL). WE WILL, THEREFORE, AWAIT YOUR GO AHEAD ON THE PARTS ISSUE.

6. THE RTC AUTOMOTICE SPECIALISTS AT ATHENS RECOMMEND THAT THIS CAR BE RETURNED TO THE STATES FOR COMPLETE OVERHAUL OR SURVEY AS THE OVERALL SITUATION WARRANTS AND AS SUGGESTED IN YOUR MESSAGE (REFTEL, PARA 1) THAT A REPLACEMENT VEHICLE BE TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED, IF POSSIBLE, UNTIL A SATISFACTORY PERMANENT VEHICLE CAN BE SECURED. THIS RECOMMENDATION, NATURALLY, MUST HAVE THE ANKARA EMBASSY'S CONCURRENCE FIRST.

7. IF THE ABOVE (PARA 6) RECOMMENDATION OR ANOTHER SUITABLE SUBSTITUTE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM CANNOT BE FOUND, THEN UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR LGO AHEAD WE WILL SHIP ALL PARTS REQUESTED OF US, AND SUBMIT BY MESSAGE A L
ADDITIONAL PARTS NEEDED BY ANKARA TO SY/T/SP. PLEASE GIVE THIS YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.
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